

Sydney Funnel-Web Spider

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About Sydney Funnel-Web Spider:

- Scientists have named this 9-centimetre (3.54 inches) long species as **Atrax christenseni**.
- The new funnel-web species has earned the nickname “Big Boy” and was first discovered in the early 2000s near Newcastle, 170 km (105 miles) north of Sydney.
- **Characteristics**
 - It is a shiny, dark brown to black spiders with finger-like spinnerets (silk-spinning organs) at the end of their abdomen.
 - Its **venom glands are a lot larger** and its fangs are a lot longer.
 - Only the male Sydney funnel-web, which carries a much stronger venom, is responsible for human deaths.
- **Habitat:** They are found in bushy suburban areas, open and closed sclerophyll forests and woodlands, often on south or east-facing slopes or in shady gullies.

What is a funnel-web spider?

- These are one of the most dangerous arachnids in the world.

- There are 36 described species of Australian funnel-web spiders and they are currently placed in **three genera: Hadronyche, Atrax and Illawarra.**
 - The spider has venom, which is filled with 40 different toxic proteins.
 - Its raw venom is the best way to **make life-saving antivenom.**
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Q1: What's the Most Poisonous Spider in the World?

According to the Guinness World Records, the Sydney funnel-web spider, *Atrax robustus*, is the most dangerous spider to humans in the world.

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